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INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, ES, HO

SUBJECT: SALE OF T-33 TRAINER

REF: STATE 247076, SAN SALVADOR 4705

ACCORDING TO DATT ANALYSIS, HONDURAN MILITARY OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE MIDDLE GRADES, ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED AT WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS U.S. INTERFERENCE WITH THE GOAL OF MODERNIZATION OF THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES. OFFICERS HAVE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THEIR CONCERN OVER U.S. BLOCKING OF YUGOSLAV F-86 SALE WHEN SALVADOR IS BUYING ISRAELI JETS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOH MILITARY WOULD REGARD DENIAL OF EXPORT PERMIT FOR SALE OF T-33 AS AN UNREASONABLE REFUSAL, GIVEN NATURE OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE RESULTING DISAPPOINTMENT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO PRESSURES ON GOH TO MOVE TOWARD FOREIGN SUPPLIERS, THEREBY REDUCING USG INFLUENCE ON HONDURAN MILITARY; THEREFORE, ON GOH. USG TURNED DOWN GOH REQUEST FOR T-33 OVER TWO YEARS AGO, BUT WE CONSIDER THAT SITUATION HAS NOW CHANGED, WITH BOTH HONDURAS AND SALVADOR ENTERING JET AGE IN MODERNIZATION OF THEIR AIR FORCES.

DATT FEELS THAT T-33 IS LIKELY INTENDED FOR USE AS TRAINER IN VIEW OF HAF LONGSTANDING INTENTION TO ENTER  
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JET AF CONFIGURATION. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT GOES BE INFORMED OF SALE BUT NOT THAT

DEPARTMENT ASCERTAIN COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY OF OTHER T-33  
TO BE OFFERED TO SALVADORAN AIR FORCE. IN VIEW OF FACT  
THAT HONDURAS SOUGHT OUT ITS OWN COMMERCIAL CHANNEL FOR  
T-33 WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH OUR EVEN-  
HANDEDNESS POSTURE FOR USG TO SEEK AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT  
FOR GOES.  
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